

SUBURB NEWS

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HENRIETTA BARNETT SCHOOL AND BARNET TO SEEK INJUNCTION

In early July the Institute informed Barnet and the School that the notice of eviction it had served on the School earlier in the year still stood. The talks with Barnet and the DFE in June had not produced any solution to the Institute's financial problems. Acting on legal advice it had sought, the Institute, which is the Foundation Body of the School, reaffirmed its decision to press for the School paying rent for the premises they share or vacate them by the end of the year.

Barnet and the School acting as co-plaintiffs intend seeking an injunction from the High Court against the eviction notice. Any legal case challenging the Institute's action could last three to four years. The Institute's budget is already in deficit. How will the Institute survive with the added burden of an expensive legal battle, and in an adversarial relationship with the local authority, its only access to government funding for its non-vocational courses which constitute the major part of its curriculum?

Earlier the Residents Association had taken the initiative to approach the Charity

Commission with an offer, conditional on both parties agreeing to be bound by the result, of paying one third of the costs of an independent arbitrator acceptable to both the School and the Institute.

The Charity Commission however whilst "appreciating the constructive tone of your letter and in particular the generous offer of your Association" suggested that the approach should be made to the parties directly involved in view of the fact that as well as the School and the Institute, the Borough of Barnet and the Department for Education were involved.



Applause and flowers for Joyce Morrison after the final concert of the Suburb Weekend

SUBURB WEEKEND VOTED A SUCCESS

The Suburb Weekend, it is generally agreed, was a spectacular success. Congratulations are due to Chris Kellerman for the original idea, Joyce Morrison who headed the working party and all those who in a remarkably short time threw themselves into providing an all Suburb series of events.

From the opening ceremony, an enactment by Garden Suburb Theatre players of the founding of the Suburb, when we also heard from the Mayor, John Marshall MP and Pauline Green MEP, through an event packed Saturday and Sunday to the final Grand Concert where a capacity audience was enthralled by the

choir of St. Jude's, the Alyth Choral Society and Andrew McCrea on St Jude's wonderful organ, the weekend turned out to be just what everyone hoped for.

Built around the well established Family Holiday Association fete, which had a bigger than usual crowds, the weekend involved virtually every facet of community life on the Suburb.

The question now is whether it can be an annual event. The RA has sent research questionnaires to everyone involved in an attempt to gauge opinion and obtain a considered response to a number of questions before making any decision. **RW**



Nick Ross accepts an FHA birthday cake from Jamie Potts



Eileen Whelan RA Chairman and Joyce Morrison with members of the Garden Suburb Theatre at the Suburb Weekend opening ceremony in Asmunds Place

RA Report

'Planning Watch', an initiative by the London Borough of Barnet, enlists the co-operation of residents in reporting planning problems or infringements. Geoff Brown, Chief Planning Officer, met and discussed objectives with the Conservation & Amenities Committee, and it was agreed that Mrs C. Sebag-Montefiore, our Planning Infringements Officer, would liaise directly with LBB. Residents who have any problems are asked to contact her - the telephone number is in the Yellow Directory.

Incidentally, the production of an up-to-date Yellow Directory is always an achievement undertaken every year by the Publications Committee.

Also listed in the Yellow Directory are the names of the RA Executive Committee, and it may be of interest to know that this consists of the four Officers, five members of RA Council and two co-opted RA Council members.

The proposed new Environment Committee, agreed at the AGM, still needs a Chairman to get it going, and it is hoped that interested and concerned residents will come forward to support this essential part of our life!

The financial constraints of the HGS Institute and Henrietta Barnett School continue to exercise both the RA Council and Executive Committee. A letter was sent to the Charity Commission, offering a share in the cost of bringing in a neutral arbitrator. Suggestions of charitable bodies which might be approached to set up an endowment fund for buildings have also been passed on to the Institute and School.

One of only two representatives from residents associations for Barnet accepted on the new slimmed down Traffic Management & Road Safety Advisory

Sub-Committee is Alan Brudney, from the RA Roads & Traffic Committee. He will represent the western side of the Borough, and although he will have no vote, he will endeavour to see that views and findings of the new Committee are presented to the Public Works Committee.

The invited speaker at the May RA Council meeting was Max Caller - Chief Executive, LB Barnet. It was an informative talk, concentrating on the Citizen's Charter, and how those principles affect the service, standards and responses of the Borough. Reports of performance indicators will be published. Mr Caller agreed that communications with residents should be improved, and the RA welcome the Customer Comments cards that have been issued. These are obtainable from libraries and RA representatives. The speaker at the November RA Council meeting will be Philip Davies, who will talk about English Heritage, an organisation which is of special importance to the Suburb.

'What is the Residents Association doing about it?' is frequently heard when there is a particular problem for residents. The RA, although a powerful pressure group, needs you, the resident, to be part of an informed voice, so now, if not already, is the time to join us!

Elsewhere you will read about the Suburb Weekend, but one of the special occasions was the presentation to John Enderby of the RA cheque for the North London Hospice, and there is now a fully equipped room sponsored by the Suburb.

The success of the Suburb Weekend fully demonstrates the importance of our community spirit - sorely needed at the moment.

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From Cottages to Castles

We are at home in the Suburb

A home is a very special place, particularly so in the Suburb. It is filled with a lifetime of experiences.

A safe haven, a welcoming friend.

Alas, eventually even homes need to be sold or let. We feel it is incumbent on the agent handling the transaction that they not only have an intimate knowledge of the area, but recognise that a home is much more than bricks and mortar.

Glentree is such an agent. For many years we have been handling Suburb properties and we are at home with everything from "cottages to castles".

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Go Green!

RECYCLE your childrens clothes at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Childrens Clothing Sale!

We've been holding two sales a year at the Free Church Hall for nearly 50 years - ever since Second World War when childrens clothing was rationed! Our "nearly new" childrens and maternity clothes (plus toys at the October Sale) have been extremely popular and once you get the hang of it, proves fun and profitable. You may not earn a King's ransom but you do get a fair price and the satisfaction of recycling your childrens clothes and toys.

We are looking for new members to add to our list, so if you live locally and are interested in taking part please ring Lisa Vernall on 455 8801 or Brenda Franklin on 455 2030.

Our next sale is on Saturday, October 9th. Hope to hear from you soon.

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Eruv Resubmission

Residents will be aware that the Eruv Committee of the United Synagogue has both submitted to Barnet Council a revised proposal for an Eruv and advised the Council that it is intending to appeal against the rejection of the original proposal last February. It is understood the revised proposal will be considered by the Public Works Committee in the Autumn, and that the Council is inviting written comments which will go before that meeting. Residents who wish to make comments should write to the London Borough of Barnet, Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG.

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Residents Association membership includes those from many different countries resident on the Suburb.

However, Membership Representative, Tina Bailey renews one RA subscription by Air Mail all the way to Hong Kong!

The family currently lives in Hong Kong but are anxious to maintain their links with Hampstead Garden Suburb and its residents. **PO**

Trust AGM

Members are reminded the AGM of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust takes place on September 14th in the Free Church Hall, Northway at 8.00 pm.